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City Departments Participate in Annual Drill

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg, in partnership with Harrisonburg City Public Schools (HCPS) and several other agencies, will participate in a drill next week.

On Monday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m., emergency personnel will respond to a simulated bus crash on Linda Lane near Smithland Elementary School and Skyline Middle School.

This drill will give the emergency responders and representatives with HCPS hands-on experience for what could be a real event.

"Our goal for this drill is to practice the skills and knowledge we already have so that we are more prepared should this ever become an actual incident," said Deputy Chief Mike Brady, Harrisonburg Fire Department.

This drill is held every year and is a collaborative effort between the following organizations:

- Harrisonburg Fire Department
- Harrisonburg Police Department
- Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center
- Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation
- Harrisonburg Rescue Squad
- Harrisonburg City Public Schools
- Boys and Girls Club
- Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.